

## TREATMENT OF DRUG ADDICTS CENSURED

Justice Collins Says Conditions Are 'an Offense Against Humanity.'

FEW ARE CRIMINALS

Problem Can't Be Solved by Clapping Them in Jail, Says Dr. E. S. Bishop.

ONE DIES AFTER ARREST

Emergency Treatment at Hospitals or Places of Detention Urged.

Indignation was expressed yesterday by experts on the narcotic question at the manner in which the drug problem is being approached in New York under the amendment to the sanitary code which permits the placing of addicts in penal institutions as criminals.

One heroin addict died and three other dope takers collapsed in Police Headquarters yesterday. They were about to have their pictures taken for the Rogues' Gallery before going to the workhouse and the penitentiary. All were suffering from lack of drugs.

Justice Kernochan conducted a special sitting of the Court of Special Sessions to pass on persons arrested for violation of the new drug law. The session was called because of the physical condition of most of those under arrest, who have caused considerable trouble by their actions in the Tombs during the last few days.

Another development in the drug situation was the announcement last night by Dr. Simon in charge of the narcotic squad, that he had sent out letters to a number of prominent men and women in New York who are known to be drug users, warning them that if they do not abandon the habit and take the cure, they are liable to arrest. He refused to make known the names of any of these addicts.

Justice Cornelius F. Collins characterized the conditions resulting from enforcement of the drug law as "an offense against common humanity."

"The enforcing authorities," he said,

"ought to do one of two things. They ought either to take their prisoners to a hospital for treatment or they should see that doctors are at hand in the Tombs and other places of detention to give emergency treatment. The wards in Bellevue Hospital ought to be opened to the addicts. Of course the hot weather has something to do with the condition of the addicts, but that is all the more reason why they should receive consideration."

Dr. Ernest S. Bishop was equally emphatic in stating that dope takers who are arrested should have immediate medical attention, and not have their supply of the drug abruptly cut off.

"The whole trouble is," said Dr. Bishop, "that the drug situation in this city is being handled on a generalized basis, and a false generalization is that the addicts are all criminals. The proportion of drug addicts who are members of the so-called underworld is reckoned at something like 10 per cent. The overwhelming mass of drug takers are not in the criminal classes at all, although they may become criminal. There are experts who have been working twenty-five years to find a solution of this drug problem, and now we are being treated to the spectacle of misguided authorities who think they can solve it in a day or two simply by clapping all drug takers in jail."

Dr. Simon replied last night to the Kings County Grand Jury's action with a statement in which he declared Judge MacMahon to be unfamiliar with the new amendment for hospital treatment of addicts. He also said that the amendment is a local regulation and not part of the State law.

"The drive," said Dr. Simon, "is not only endeavoring to control the drug situation, but is also clearing New York of many men with long criminal records. It is also preventing crime, because the daily drug dosage is so prohibitive in price that many of these addicts must become criminals in order to get the money."

Dr. Simon, in reference to Otto Thompson's death, said drug cure records show no instance of a man dying because of drug removal.

The addict who died was Otto Thompson, 21, of 9 Bowers, a dishwasher who was out of employment. He was taken to Police Headquarters from the Clinton street station yesterday morning, after his arrest Friday afternoon at Rivington and Chrystie streets by Detective Shandell of the narcotic division. Thompson had with him when he was arrested two small vials of heroin, valued at \$3, an addict's ration for one day, which he had bought with the last money he had.

Members of the narcotic division in commenting upon Thompson's death said the heat affects drug addicts when they are deprived of drugs any length of time, and that Thompson probably had been without drugs for some time. Dr. Hoffman of Gouverneur Hospital, who examined the dead man, thought his weakness from taking drugs coupled with the heat had caused his death.

The three men who collapsed were John Holley, John Berwick and William Robertson, who with others were on their way to Welfare Island. They had been taken from the Tombs for

photographing. They were unconscious for an hour before they were revived by Dr. McKenna of St. Vincent's.

In a round-up of the East Side Friday night by Deputy Police Commissioner Simon's detectives, forty-three men and a woman were arrested charged with the possession of narcotics. All pleaded guilty when they were arraigned before Magistrate Nolan in Essex Market Court and were held in \$500 bail each. During the court session yesterday morning Bellevue ambulances had to be called three times, and in some instances it was necessary to carry defendants to the bar for arraignment.

The thirty-five men arrested before Justice Kernochan were committed to the workhouse for terms of four months each, in order that they may be given treatment there.

The first arrest for the possession of opium under the new provisions of the sanitary code was made yesterday by Detective Schellheimer of the narcotic squad. The prisoner was Chew Dick Kai, a Chinese cook. He was arrested in Doyers street and held in \$1,500 bail by Magistrate Silberman in Tombs Court.

A letter to Gov. Miller asking that action be taken to change the penal code so that drug addicts will be placed in hospitals instead of penal institutions was handed up by the July Kings County Grand Jury before its retirement Friday. The letter was written at the suggestion of Judge J. Grattan MacMahon, with the endorsement of Harry A. Lewis, District Attorney of Brooklyn.

## MEAT PRICES GOING DOWN.

Meat prices have taken a tumble, owing to the unusually warm weather, according to a statement yesterday by the Meat Council of New York. Forecasts of beef are cheaper today than in years, the statement says, chuck being 6 to 9 cents a pound wholesale, and plates, suitable for pot roast and soup, at 4 cents.

## PRISONER JUMPS OUT OF HER SHOES

Woman Goes on Rampage in Court When Held on 10-Cent Theft Charge.

For ten minutes yesterday the Women's Court looked like a moving picture studio when the camera men are filming some of those rough and ready comics in which heads appear to be broken and the air is filled with flying missiles. The resemblance was the direct result of the lively disposition of Concetta Alesi, who was arraigned on the charge of stealing a ten cent powder puff from a Sixth avenue five and ten store.

Concetta was so lively that she literally jumped out of her shoes and landed a right to the jaw of one of the court attendants that sent him to the floor in a daze.

At first she pretended that she could neither speak nor understand English. When Magistrate Silberman held her in \$300 bail for trial in Special Sessions she burst into a profane tirade which displayed a liberal knowledge of certain elements of the English tongue. For this the court censured her, and then Concetta dug an elbow into Hattie Walters, the store detective upon whose complaint she was arrested, and vaulted over the counter.

As she cleared the bar her Oxford shoes dropped behind her, but she never looked back, keeping on her way to the court exit with three court attendants in her wake. At the door they rushed her

and one fell before a swinging blow that landed squarely on his chin. It was necessary to call additional attendants from Jefferson Market Court, which was in session below, in order to carry the woman to a cell.

When Concetta was arrested she bit the store detective in the right arm and then in the calf of her right leg. Before she agreed to be arrested she pushed the detective against a pushcart on Sixth avenue and sent oranges, apples and plums rolling down the gutter.

## CAPTAIN OF RAMMED TOWBOAT IS DROWNED

Patrick Howe Victim of Crash 200 Feet Off Shore

The Fabre Line freighter Fenchurch rammed the towboat Clarence P. Howland, which was trying to warp the Fenchurch into its berth at the foot of Thirty-fifth street, Brooklyn, yesterday, putting such a hole in the bow of the tugboat that the little craft went down almost immediately.

Capt. Patrick Howe and the four men of the crew jumped, and all were rescued but the captain. He did not again come to the surface. It is believed he suffered a heart attack, a disease to which he was subject, as he struck the water.

The accident happened about 200 feet off shore. The tug was being maneuvered to put a line to the freighter.

Preparatory to getting her into the berth when the Fenchurch's nose came about and hit the lighter craft sharply. The tugboat canted over and shipped water. William Purdy of 752 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn, the engineer, rushed out and found the captain ready to jump. He shouted "all clear," and they went into the water.

Capt. Howe lived at 233 Seventeenth street, Brooklyn.

## CLUBBING COP HELD IN SIMPLE ASSAULT

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administration would have resulted in his being discharged from the service. The records show, however, that in each instance he got off with a small fine or a few days suspension. For Senator Meyer's information I would refer him to charges made against Tighe on December 3, 1915; June 20, 1916, another on the same date, and March 15, 1917. If Tighe had a pull he did not have it under this administration."

West Forty-third street, the scene of Tighe's outbreak, resumed its accustomed calm yesterday. Coen's room, on the corner of Ninth avenue, was deserted save for Alphonse, the cook, whom Tighe beat up and arrested on Thursday, and a sleepy policeman on guard duty.

The cop said he was Patrolman Patrick McMahon of West Forty-seventh street, and was detailed to see no gambling went on. The racing ticker, which Tighe smashed with his blackjack, was out of commission. Officer McMahon said there was a "gambling violation" against the place.

Mrs. Coen was upstairs. She is not going to bring a complaint against Tighe, she said, although he clubbed and kicked her and destroyed about \$50 worth of dishes.

## STRANGLER BY A FEAR.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., July 30.—Three-year-old Rose Bevilacqua died of strangulation in Memorial Hospital early today. At 10 o'clock last night a piece of a pear she was eating became lodged in her throat. Physicians worked for hours to dislodge the obstruction, but were unsuccessful.



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